

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please AMEND claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for transferring a communication fee, comprising:

registering into a transmitting information storage device, information regarding destination users, a sender, and particular packet data to be sent;

when a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information storage device performs a processing to receive packet data that may include the particular packet data, charging said destination user for said received packet data, wherein said charging said destination user is carried out without judging whether or not said received packet data includes is the registered particular packet; and

transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, to said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device, by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets of said particular packet data.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

charging said sender for said particular packet data when said particular packet data is transmitted to the destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said registering comprises:

registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent into said transmitting information storage device; and

registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information storage device.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in claim 3, wherein said particular packet data includes a Web page data, and said registering information regarding said destination users includes registering information regarding said destination user that is acquired when a terminal of said destination user requests said particular packet data.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said transferring comprises:

performing a processing to exempt particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device from the charge for said particular packet data; and

performing a processing to charge said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device for a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in claim 3, wherein said transferring further comprises:

acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which does not reach; and
specifying destination users who is confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet based on said data regarding said packet which does not reach.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee, by:

registering into a transmitting information storage device, information regarding destination users, a sender, and particular packet data to be sent;

when a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information storage device performs a processing to receive packet data that may include the particular packet data, charging said destination user for said received packet data, wherein said charging said destination user is carried out without judging whether or not said received packet data includes is-the registered particular packet; and

transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular

packet data, to said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device, by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets of said particular packet data.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 7, further comprising:

charging said sender for said particular packet data when said particular packet data is transmitted to the destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 7, wherein said registering comprises:

registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent into said transmitting information storage device, and

registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information storage device.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 9, wherein said registering information regarding said destination users includes a registering information regarding said destination users that is acquired in response to an access by said terminals of said destination users.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 7, wherein said transferring comprises:

performing a processing to exempt particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device from the charge for said particular packet data, and

performing a processing to charge said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device for a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program according to claim 9, wherein said transferring further comprises:

acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which does not reach; and specifying destination users who is confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet based on said data regarding said packet which does not reach.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for transferring a communication fee, comprising:

means for registering into a transmitting information storage device, information regarding destination users, a sender, and a particular packet data to be sent;

means for charging said destination user for said packet data when a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information storage device performs a processing to receive packet data that may include the particular packet data, charging said destination user for said received packet data, wherein said charging said destination user is carried out without judging whether or not said received packet data includes is-the registered particular packet; and

means for transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, to said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device, by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets of said particular packet data.

14. (ORIGINAL) The system set forth in claim 13, further comprising:

means for charging said sender for said particular packet data when said particular packet data is transmitted to the destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

15. (ORIGINAL) The system set forth in claim 13, wherein said means for registering comprises:

first means for registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent into said transmitting information storage device; and

first means for registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information storage device.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein said particular packet data includes a Web page data, and said second means for registering includes means for registering information regarding said destination user that is acquired when a terminal of said destination user requests said particular packet data.

17. (ORIGINAL) The system set forth in claim 13, wherein said means for transferring comprises:

means for performing a processing to exempt particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device from the charge for said particular packet data; and

means for performing a processing to charge said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device for a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

18. (ORIGINAL) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein said means for transferring further comprises:

means for acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which does not reach; and

means for specifying destination users who is confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet based on said data regarding said packet which does not reach.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for transferring a communication fee, comprising:

charging a destination user for received packet data, which may include particular packet

data, regardless of whether the particular packet data was included in the received packet data;
and

transferring a communication fee charged to the destination user for the particular packet data to a sender registered in a transmitting information storage device by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received,

wherein a number of packets of the particular packet data is calculated from the particular packet data stored in the transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by the receiving status data, and the number of packets of said particular packet data.